



Frequently Asked Questions about the Temporary Suspension of Federal Unemployment Benefits

Due to federal automatic spending cuts as part of sequestration, payments of federally extended unemployment insurance benefits will be temporarily suspended on Saturday, March 2, 2013 until further guidance from the federal government is received.

What is the difference between Regular State Unemployment benefits and Federally Extended benefits?

- Regular State Unemployment benefits are the first 26 weeks of benefits.
- Federally Extended Unemployment benefits (also known as EEUC) are weeks 27-63 of benefits.

How do I know if I'm receiving Federally Extended benefits?

If you are receiving Federally Extended benefits, under the column "Program" on your Uplink homepage, "EEUC" will be listed and under the column "Status," "Open" will be displayed, meaning your EEUC claim is open. If you are currently receiving Regular State benefits, under the column "Program," "UI" will be listed and under the column "Status," "Open" will be displayed, meaning your Regular State benefit claim is still open.

Will payments of Federally Extended benefits "phase out" or be immediately suspended?

Federally Extended benefit payments will be temporarily suspended on Saturday, March 2, 2013. If you are receiving Federally Extended benefits (EEUC) and have a new voucher appear on your Uplink homepage between Sunday, February 24, 2013 and Thursday, February 28, 2013, it will be your last voucher paid until further notice.

If I am receiving Regular State benefits, how will I know how many weeks of benefits I have remaining?

You can figure out how many weeks of benefits you have remaining by visiting your Uplink homepage. Under the column "Status" on your homepage there is a row labeled "Open." In this same row to the left of the word "open" there is a number listed under "Maximum Benefits." This number is how much money you have remaining in your current benefit program. To the right of this number there is a number listed under "Weekly Benefits." This is the maximum amount of money you can receive weekly. Divide your "Maximum Benefits" number by your "Weekly Benefits" number to determine the number of weeks you have remaining if you collect the maximum benefit each week. All Federally Extended benefit payments will stop even if there is money remaining in "Maximum Benefits."

I thought the last federal extension lasted through the end of 2013?

Due to automatic federal spending cuts as part of sequestration, on Saturday, March 2, 2013, Federally Extended benefit payments (EEUC) will be suspended until further guidance from the federal government is received.

What is the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) doing to resolve the situation?

DWD has sought guidance from the federal government and is awaiting further instructions.

How will I know if or when the situation changes?

Hoosiers should visit their Uplink homepage and DWD's website, www.in.gov/dwd for the latest updates on Federally Extended benefits.